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## **Education Governance Public Engagement Sites Announced**

**MONTPELIER** – The Department of Education today announced a list of potential sites for the Education Governance statewide public conversation. The goal of these meetings is to engage a large and diverse group of Vermonters in a conversation about the system of governance in the Vermont education system. By hosting thirty meetings across the state, the department and the consultants aiding in the process hope to hear from a representative group of Vermonters.

This public engagement process was originally proposed by Commissioner Richard Cate in the paper he released in May, *The Governance of Education in Vermont – 1777 to 2006*.

The following towns have been identified as likely locations for the meetings:

Barre	Hardwick	Randolph
Bennington	Hartford	Rutland
Bradford	Hinesburg	St. Albans
Brattleboro	Hyde Park	St. Johnsbury
Brighton	Jamaica	Springfield
Canaan	Lowell	Vergennes
Enosburg Falls	Ludlow	Waterbury
Essex Junction	Manchester	Warren
Fair Haven	Middlebury	Wilmington
Grand Isle	Newport	Woodstock

Although this is the list of currently proposed sites, it is possible that some venues may change. In the next few weeks the Department of Education will contact school officials at these sites in an effort to schedule the meetings.

The meetings will be held between January and May. All Vermonters are encouraged to attend. A final schedule of the dates and locations of the meetings will be announced in the near future.

To read *The Governance of Education in Vermont – 1777 to 2006*, view [http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pubs/governance\\_white\\_paper\\_06.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pubs/governance_white_paper_06.pdf). View [a map of the proposed sites](#).

